

REMARKS

With this amendment, claims 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10-13 have been amended. Claims 14-17 have been added. Claims 1, 3, 6, and 8 have been cancelled. The Applicant has carefully and thoughtfully considered the Office Action and the comments therein. For the reasons given below, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance.

Allowable Subject Matter

1. In the Office Action on page 5, the Examiner states that claims 4, 5, 9, 10, and 13 are objected to but would be allowed if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter.

Claims 4, 5, 9, 10, and 13 are amended to place them in condition for allowance. Amended claims 4 and 5 contain material from original claims 1 and 3. Amended claims 9 and 10 contain material from original claims 6 and 8. Amended claim 13 contains material from original claims 1 and 13.

Dependent claims 2, 7, 11-17 are allowable, at least, for being dependent from allowable claims.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) based on Fathallah et al.

2. On pages 2-5 of the Office Action, in section 2, claims 1-3, 6-8, 11, 12, and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as allegedly being anticipated by Fathallah et al. (U.S. Patent Application Number 2004/0208624).

With respect to claims 1-3, 6-8, 11, and 12, based on the amendments discussed above, these rejections are rendered moot.

With respect to claim 13, based on the Examiner's statements in the "Allowable Subject Matter" section of the Final Office Action and the lack of a detailed rejection of claim 13 in section

2 of the Final Office Action, Applicant's believe claim 13 is actually allowable but was erroneously listed as being rejected.

New Claims

3. New claims 14-17 have been added to depend from currently amended independent claims 5 and 10. New claims 14-17 contain subject matter similar to original claims 2, 7, 11, and 12, respectively, and are allowable, at least, for being dependent from allowable claims.

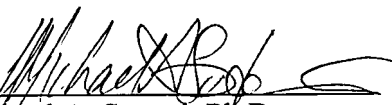
Conclusion

4. All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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